

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET

DATE REPORT ISSUED: September 8, 2010 REPORT NO.: n/a (1472)
ATTENTION: Council President and City Council
ORIGINATING DEPT.: Engineering and Capital Projects
SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept and Assign TransNet Smart Growth
Incentive Grant to the City Redevelopment Agency
COUNCIL DISTRICTS: 2
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REQUESTED ACTION:

This action is to accept a Smart Growth Incentive Program Grant from SANDAG and to assign it to the City Redevelopment Agency to design, bid and construct the Park Boulevard/City College/San Diego High School Pedestrian Improvements & Transit Access Improvements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommendation is to approve the resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In May 2009 the Engineering & Capital Projects (E&CP) Department received a Transnet Smart Growth Incentive Program grant from SANDAG for the Park Boulevard/City College/San Diego High School Pedestrian Improvements & Transit Access Improvements project, in the amount of \$300,000. The scope of the proposed project was to improve pedestrian safety by providing “pop-outs” on both sides of Park Boulevard in front of San Diego High School/City College, and by the installation of a lighted crosswalk.

Subsequently, following discussions with CCDC staff, it was determined that safety and walkability in the area could be better served by increasing the scope of the project to include a pedestrian traffic signal, landscaped medians, and relocation of the southbound bus stop from the median to the westerly curb. In addition, the sidewalks on each side of the street will be upgraded with enhanced “Park-to-Bay Link” sidewalks, street lights, and street trees per the Park-to-Bay Link master plan.

This action authorizes the City to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Redevelopment Agency (RDA), which will transfer all funds and responsibilities to the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC), on behalf of the Redevelopment Agency for implementation of a grant. The Redevelopment Agency through the Centre City Development Corporation has funds in the amount of \$829,483 available for the project in the Fiscal Year 2011. Upon the assignment and assumption of the SANDAG grant, the amount will increase to \$1,129,483.

The City will review plans, and accept maintenance of the traffic signal and hardscape.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None with this action.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL COMMITTEE ACTION:

Resolution Number R-304633 dated February 12, 2009 authorized the City to apply for this grant.

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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) will present their report at the Redevelopment Agency Board on September 29, 2010.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

Vehicle drivers, pedestrians, bicycle users and transit riders who live and work in the vicinity of the project as well as visitors to this location.



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